

The following year many counties prepared for a similar winter and stocked up on the provisions that were in demand the previous year. As we all remember, last winter was unusually mild and these resources went to waste. This kind of waste must end.

We need to end our nation's reactionary policy toward global climate change. Rather than passively suffer the effects of changing weather patterns, we should prepare for them through advanced scientific research. Just think about the funds and resources we will save if we know 6 months ahead of time that a winter in the North East will be mild, if the Gulf States will encounter an El Nino, or if we can expect flooding in the Midwest.

The second major flaw in this bill occurred with the Sea Grant College Program. HR 2405 essentially destroys the concept of Sea Grant as the bridge between universities and users in coastal communities, industry, government, and non profit organizations.

The Sea Grant Program is a network of over 300 universities and affiliated institutions in 30 states which conduct research, education and advisory services for our coastal communities. Modeled after the Land Grant concept, Sea Grant uses high quality, competitive, merit reviewed science to address critical marine resource issues. Sea Grant is highly successful as almost half of the total program cost is derived from nonfederal sources.

Unfortunately, while both the Resources and Science Committees have reported out HR 1175, a Sea Grant reauthorization bill, which I cosponsor and enjoys broad bi-partisan support, the Science Committee has chosen to disregard this mandate and abandon the work that has already been accomplished.

Make no mistake, the Science Committee's original version of HR 2405 nullifies the Sea Grant Program. Provisions in the bill remove the education and outreach components which is what makes Sea Grant so successful in the first place.

Sea Grant, which was founded by my colleague Senator Pell from Rhode Island, was designed to create new economic opportunities for the private sector by helping our Nation to utilize more fully its vast publicly-owned marine and coastal resources, which are vital to the lives of America's rapidly growing coastal population. In fact, with over 50% of our nation's population living in coastal environments, these important functions are more critical than ever.

We simply cannot abandon this important mission. I want to commend the actions of several of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their dedicated work on this issue and their efforts to raise the authorization levels for Sea Grant. Moreover, I am encouraged by the agreement reached in the Committee of the Whole to bring HR 1175 to the floor under its own authorization. Only then will the true mission of Sea Grant be realized.

In closing, I ask my colleagues to oppose Title IV of HR 2045. Despite the changes to Sea Grant, I cannot support this Title or this bill as it undermines the effectiveness of NOAA and many important programs like Climate and Global Change.

## A WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE— IMAGINE THE DIFFERENCE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, one of the great misfortunes of our society is the degree of violence that people experience. It disrupts communities. It disrupts families. It usurps resources that could be better used for other purposes. We need to deal with this situation, and I am pleased to recognize the Young Women's Christian Association—the YWCA—for the efforts that it is making as it celebrates the YWCA Week Without Violence between October 15 and 21, with events throughout the country, including my home town of Bay City, MI.

We need to deal with violence at all levels—between people on the streets, in schools, in the work place, in families. Over 7 days the YWCA will address many of these problems. On Sunday, a day of remembrance will be held, where congregations are being asked to pledge non-violence as an offering. Monday will have its emphasis on protecting children, with an open house at community recreational facilities. Tuesday will concentrate on making schools safe where students will be asked to sign pledges against violence. Wednesday will focus on confronting violence against women, with an information booth at the Bay City Mall, the sale of T-shirts commemorating the event, and a display at the Bay County Women's Center Clothesline Project which concentrates on the terrible problem of spousal and sexual abuse. Thursday confronts the violence facing men. Friday pledges to work towards the elimination of racism and hate crime. Saturday directs our attention towards replacing violence with healthy alternatives with open houses again at community recreation facilities.

Mr. Speaker, in an intelligent, reasonable society, there is no need for violence in our dealings with each other. Responding to momentary impulses has created lifetimes of pain, mandated the expenditure of untold dollars, and done literally nothing to help move towards a constructive resolution of problems. Thousands of people are murdered each year. Millions of children are the victim of child abuse with nearly four children dying each day as a result.

Some of the things that we can all do are so basic. Listen to—don't just hear people. Walk away from anger to find a solution to a problem. Treat people the way we want to be treated. Help change the behavior of others by setting a good example. Don't take fool-hardy risks with strangers, or unfamiliar places.

I want to commend the many civic organizations around Bay City, the religious community, Saginaw Valley State University, Bresnan Communications, WNEM TV 5 and WSGW Radio, the Bay City Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and so many others for supporting this important event. I also congratulate the national YWCA and its national sponsors for working to resolve a problem that is of importance to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in paying attention to this week without violence, and resolve ourselves to making this week a way of life.

## CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET AND GENE BECKHAM—50TH ANNI- VERSARY

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Margaret and Gene Beckham on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a milestone to be honored, and I appreciate my invitation to join with the Beckham's family and friends in celebrating this special day.

On October 15, 1995, the Beckhams will be honored for their 50 years of life together. The authors of the Special Occasion Book claim that "one reason the celebration of a wedding anniversary is so joyous an occasion is that it shows the rest of us that lasting happiness is indeed attainable, and that it does become the good fortune of some very nice people." Margaret and Gene prove that happiness can be found in loving another, and I am proud to help recognize their Golden Anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret and Gene have honored the vows they took a half century ago. They have proven that the institution of marriage is alive and well, and it is my privilege to represent this wonderful couple in Congress.

## ARS FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CITRUS TRISTEZA VIRUS

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate my support for the fiscal year 1996 Agriculture appropriations bill, generally, and particularly with respect to new funding in this bill for research into the California forms of the citrus tristeza virus. This bill takes the first step by providing \$500,000 to start research into the suppression/eradication of the particular strains of citrus tristeza virus which are attacking California citrus. At risk, without this needed research, are California's entire \$1.5 billion domestic industry, our \$495 million citrus export market, and the only remaining disease-free budwood stock which we export throughout the world. There a number of other areas of this bill which I support, but I just wanted to emphasize the critical need of the citrus tristeza virus for California.

## TRIBUTE TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention the over 40 years of dedicated service the Antelope Valley Hospital has provided to the high desert community. This hospital was officially opened to our community on October 12, 1955, after numerous local citizens canvassed door to door and held